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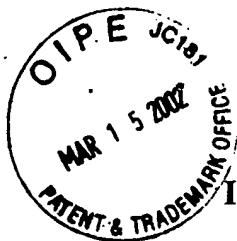
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Dear Sir:

In Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 26, 2001 for the above-referenced application, Applicants hereby elect Group VI, claims 11-14, drawn to a method for screening compounds that disrupt transcriptional repression by assaying transcription of the gene in the presence of the candidate compound, for examination, with traverse. Applicants further make a species election of a chemiluminescent assay in claim 12, with traverse.